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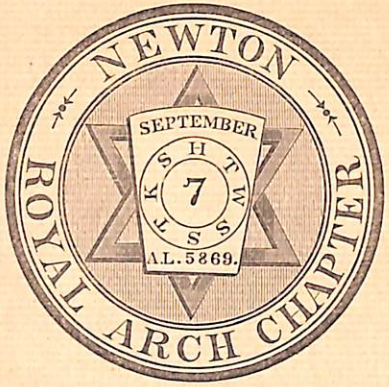

Approved June 17, 1870.

HENRY CHICKERING, *G. H. P.*

CHARTER.

To all the Exalted and Enlightened under the Canopy of Heaven, Whereſoever Aſſembled or Diſperſed,

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter

IN AND FOR THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Sendeth Greeting:

HENRY CHICKERING, Grand High Prieſt.

Be it known, that in purſuance of the Powers veſted in us by the Conſtitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts, and for ſundry good and ſufficient reaſons and cauſes, us thereunto moving, and repoſing ſpecial truſt and confidence in the Maſonic Abilities of the following Companions of this degree, all reſident in or near the town of Newton, in the County of Middleſex and Commonwealth aforeſaid, have conſtituted, and by theſe preſents do conſtitute: ADIN B. UNDERWOOD, CEPHAS BRIGHAM, GEORGE E. BRIDGES, JAMES M. GREENWOOD, JOHN M. GRISWOLD, HORATIO F. ALLEN, WILLIAM R. WILSON, JAMES B. FULLER, SIMON W. CARD, BENJAMIN F. BROWN, JOHN G. TOMPSON, Jr., SULLIVAN D. HILL, ALLEN JORDAN, GORHAM D. GILMAN, CHESTER H. GRAVES, ASAHEL WHEELER, JOHN L. ROBERTS, HENRY C. HAYDEN, JEREMIAH B. LOVETT,

Ezra D. Winslow, George N. Noyes, Gearfield Learned, Horatio B. Hackett, Jr., Jonas G. Salsbury, Henry W. Smith, George B. Fiske, William L. Libby, Benjamin F. Tyler, John B. Goodrich, Henry O. Martin, Joseph Barney, Theodore W. Trowbridge, F. Lyman Winship, Marcus T. Heywood, William L. Frothingham, Fitzhugh S. Rollins, Charles T. Pulsifer, Oren F. Clark, William H. Raymond, Charles S. Phillips, George Fuller, Samuel Flint, and Charles B. Lancaster, together with all their regular Associates and Successors, into a **Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,** by the name of **Newton Royal Arch Chapter,** to take rank, date, and precedence from the seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and sixty-nine. And we do hereby authorize and empower them, the said Companions, or any nine of them, to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the said town of Newton, and to Exalt at their discretion any Master Mason to the degree of Royal Arch Mason: and for that purpose, to open and hold Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, agreeably to the ancient Usages and Customs of Royal Arch Masons; also to make and establish By-Laws and Regulations for the government of said Chapter, provided the same are not contrary to the constitution of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and further to order and establish such Dues and Fees for the admission of Candidates and Members as to them, or a major part of them, and their associates shall seem proper, and as required by this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

And we do hereby appoint our Excellent Companion Adin B. Underwood, first High Priest; Excellent Companion Cephas Brigham, first King; and Excellent Companion George E. Bridges, first Scribe of the said Chapter.

And we do hereby enjoin upon the Companions of the said Chapter, that they, or any number of them, do not at any time, hold any private meetings or assemblies for Masonic purposes, except in the presence of a Companion appointed by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, or in the presence of either the High Priest, King, or

Scribe of the said Chapter for the time being. And further, that they cause to be paid, annually, to this Grand Chapter, all their lawful dues.

And it is hereby absolutely required of the said High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, that they attend either in person or by their Proxies, all regular Communications of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

In Witness Whereof, We, the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, have hereunto subscribed our names, and caused the Seal of the said Grand Chapter to be affixed, and the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary, this seventeenth day of June, A.L. five thousand eight hundred and seventy.

SEAL.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Deputy Grand High Priest.
FREDERICK A. PIERCE,
Grand King.
THOMAS WINSHIP,
Grand Scribe.

Attest: THS. WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

BY-LAWS

OF

Newton Royal Arch Chapter.

Officers and Members.

SECTION ONE. Newton Royal Arch Chapter ſhall conſiſt of a High Prieſt, King, and Scribe, Captain of the Hoſt, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Maſters of the Veils, Treaſurer, Secretary, Chaplain, two Stewards, Organiſt, and Tyler, and as many members as the Chapter ſhall admit.

Meetings.

SECT. TWO. The regular meetings of the Chapter ſhall be on the Monday on or after the full moon of each month,

at ſuch hour as the High Prieſt ſhall direct; provided, however, that during the months of July and Auguſt the meetings may be ſuſpended by a vote of the Chapter. The High Prieſt may call ſpecial meetings whenever he ſhall deem it expedient.

Election of Officers.

SECT. THREE. All the officers ſhall be elected annually, on the evening of the regular meeting in June, by written or printed ballots, excepting the Chaplain, Stewards, Organiſt, and Tyler, who ſhall be appointed by the High Prieſt. The officers ſhall be installed as ſoon as may be convenient, and ſhall retain their offices until their ſucceſſors are inſtalled.

Committee on Finance.

SECT. FOUR. The High Prieſt, King, and Scribe, for the time being, ſhall be a Committee of Finance, to examine and act upon all bills and demands against the Chapter. They ſhall examine the

accounts of the Treaſurer and Secretary, annually, and report thereon, as well as on all moneyed concerns of the Chapter. They ſhall alſo give a detailed ſtatement of all the paraphernalia and working property of the Chapter at the annual meeting, and before the election of officers.

Duties of the Treaſurer.

SECT. FIVE. The Treaſurer ſhall receive all money from the Secretary, and receipt therefor, and pay all bills which have been approved by one or more of the Committee of Finance, and all appropriations made by the Chapter, and inveſt, with the approval of the Committee of Finance, any ſurplus remaining in his hands not required for immediate uſe of the Chapter. His accounts ſhall, at all times, be ſubject to the inſpection of the Committee of Finance, and he ſhall exhibit an account of all money concerns of the Chapter, to be

laid before it at the annual meeting, and ſhall deliver to his ſucceſſor in office all property of the Chapter in his hands immediately after his inſtallation.

Duties of the Secretary.

SECT. SIX. The Secretary ſhall keep a just and fair record of the proceedings of the Chapter, collect all money due from members, or otherwiſe, and pay it to the Treaſurer within a month after the ſame ſhall have been received; ſhall iſſue notifications one day at least previous to each meeting, on which notifications he ſhall inſert the names of all candidates propoſed for exaltation or for memberſhip; ſhall preſent the chairman of every committee with a copy of the vote by which he is appointed; ſhall alſo report the names of delinquents to the Standing Committee; and, as a compenſation for his ſervices, ſhall receive ſuch ſum as the Chapter may, from time to time, determine.

Applications for Memberſhip.

SECT. SEVEN. Every applicant for memberſhip ſhall be propoſed by a member of this Chapter at a regular or ſpecial meeting, but ſhall not be balloted for until the next ſtated meeting, nor until after a committee appointed to inveſtigate his character ſhall have reported thereon, and his name ſhall be inſerted on the notifications for the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken; and the applicant to be admitted must have the unanimous vote of the members preſent, pay five dollars if exalted in this Chapter, or twenty dollars if exalted in any other, and ſign the By-Laws, after which he ſhall be entitled to all the privileges of memberſhip. Should the applicant neglect to appear within ſix months from the time of his admiſſion as a member, ſign the By-Laws, and pay the fee, he must ſubmit to the forms of being re-propoſed, and again balloted for.

Honorary Members.

SECT. EIGHT. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any Royal Arch Mason who, for particular services to this Chapter, or in the cause of Masonry elsewhere, shall be recommended for the purpose, to be effected by an election attended by the same formalities that are required in an election to ordinary membership. An election to honorary membership shall in no way restrict the rights and privileges of any member of this Chapter which he might otherwise have enjoyed.

Dues.

SECT. NINE. Every member (except honorary, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chaplain) shall pay five dollars annually.

Delinquency.

SECT. TEN. Each member (except as above) shall settle his account with the Secretary annually; but should any refuse or neglect so to do, his name shall be reported to the Chapter for action, and

his membership may be declared forfeited by a vote of the Chapter.

Applications for Degrees.

SECT. ELEVEN. Every candidate for the degrees shall be proposed by a member of the Chapter, shall sign the following Application, and deposit the same and the sum of thirty dollars with the Secretary at the time the proposition is made: —

To the Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of Newton Royal Arch Chapter: —

I, ..., having received the degree of Master Mason in ..... Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ....., having the good of the craft at heart, and being desirous of obtaining further light in Masonry, do fraternally offer myself a candidate for the degrees conferred in your Chapter. Should my petition be granted, I promise a cheerful compliance with all the forms and usages of the fraternity.

My reſidence is in ..... Occupation, ... I have ..... applied for ſaid degrees.

(Signed,) .....

Dated ....., 18 .

We, the ſubſcribers, hereby certify that we are acquainted with ....., named in the above application, and believe him to be of regular and upright conduct, fair fame, ſober life, and good moral character. We do, therefore, recommend him as a Maſter Maſon, worthy and well qualified to be exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Maſon.

(Signed,) .....

Dated ....., 18 .

He must ſtand propoſed at least fourteen days, unless a diſpenſation be granted in his caſe, as provided by the Conſtitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and his name ſhall be inſerted on the notifications of the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken. If he is rejected, the ſum incloſed ſhall be returned.

Diplomas.

SECT. TWELVE. Any Companion exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Maſon in this Chapter ſhall be entitled to a diploma by placing his name in the margin.

Deceaſed Members.

SECT. THIRTEEN. In caſe of the deceaſe of any member of the Chapter, it ſhall be the duty of the Council to aſcertain the condition of the family of ſuch deceaſed member; and if, in their opinion, the circumſtances of the family are ſuch as to require pecuniary aid, they ſhall be authorized to donate from the funds of this Chapter any ſum not exceeding fifty dollars.

Change of By-Laws.

SECT. FOURTEEN. Theſe By-Laws ſhall not be altered, amended, or repealed, unless a propoſition therefor has been made in writing, and read in open Chapter, ſpecifying the ſection to be altered; nor until ſuch propoſition has been con-

sidered by a committee appointed for that purpose, and notice of said amendment inserted on the notifications for the meeting at which the subject is to be acted upon; nor even then, unless two-thirds of the members present shall vote in the affirmative.

ORGANIZATION.

5869—70.

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S.,	George E. Bridges.
C. of H.,	John M. Griswold.
P. S.,	James M. Greenwood.
R. A. C.,	Horatio F. Allen.
M. 3d Vail,	William R. Wilson.
M. 2d "	James B. Fuller.
M. 1st "	Simon W. Card.
Treasurer,	Benjamin F. Brown.
Secretary,	John G. Tompson, jr.
Chaplain,	Gorham D. Gilman.
S. S.,	Sullivan D. Hill.
J. S.,	Allen Jordan.
Tyler,	Alexander Chisholm.

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